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NEW LOOK IN AUDITORIUM

The Middle School auditorium has been redone this past summer. It now has new dark-blue curtains on the stage. It has been repainted in light-blue. Even the old windows have been repainted. Also, the downstairs seats have been re-padded and upholstered in navy blue. They are also expecting to do the upstairs seats soon. PD

CHAMPION TURTLE RACERS

The Annual Turtle Derby was held September 21 during the Grape and Wi Festival activities. Winning turtle-racers were Wally Dietz in first place, Doug Griggs, a seventh grader at the Middle School placing second. PD

THE FESTIVAL PARADE

The Grape and Wine Festival parade consisted of over 100 bands marching a parade route that stretched from Paw Paw road to past the Middle School. It was a highlight of the week-end. SR

4-H FAIR THIS SUMMER

The Van Buren county 4-H fair was the spot for much activity for many Middle Schoolers this summer. Projects were entered in usch areas as models, food, sewing, wood crafting and so forth. According to this reporter, you had to be there to see it. A queen and king were chosen. The 4-H fair was great. Thanks to the 4-H leader, Mrs. Ellis.

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HANDLING STRAYS

When you find a stray animal and you want to keep it, check to see if he has a tag or any kind of ID on him. Then, if you haven't found any ID, look through your local newspaper in the Lost and Found section to see if anyone is claiming the stray you have. Plus, ask around the neighborhood to see if the stray belongs to any of your neighbors. If no one claims the stray and you want to keep him, take him to a veterinarian for a check-up and license. A license is very important. The license identifies your dog if he gets lost, and it is a law. KC

MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE BAND pictured outside the school prior to the Grape and Wine Festival parade. The band played Saturday, Sept. 20, in the Paw Paw parade. They played a piece entitled "Civil War Patrol". The judges rated them number one(according to most people) of the Middle School bands.
photo by Doug Nagy- story by Kevin Futrell

HOROSCOPE - LIBRA

October is the month for the astrological sign, Libra. Libra runs from September 23 to October 22. The symbol is the scales. It is an air sign ruled by the planet Venus.

Mercury, the mind planet, is in Libra through most of this month. Make the most of it and start school on the right foot.

Girls- your best match is with a guy who is born under the sign of Aries, Gemini, or Aquarius.

Boys- a girl best for you would be born under the sign of Sagittarius.

Most Librans are crazy about food, good music, and fun. Fall is your best time of the year and you are in demand so ENJOY.

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WEATHER SIGNS

There are many natural ways to predict weather. If you see Water Fowls flying south, bad weather is ahead. Another way to tell is if smoke hangs low; this means bad weather coming. If it goes straight up, it means clear weather. Rain is indicated if deciduous trees turn their

DOUG'S CORNER

It is the beginning of another year for us, the newspaper staff, the teachers, and the students. Now I don't want to rush into anything but already I've heard that pencils have been getting stolen and fights have been occurring in the halls. Now, this is not the way school is meant to be. YOU use school for learning; for learning to spell, learning to write, not for learning to fight and steal. School is not a boxing ring. So get behind your school and try to make this a better and safer year than ever. OK?

Editor
Doug Nagy

LETTERS - SPEAK OUT MICH. AVE

Dear Editor,

I think that the home ec. and ind. arts programs aren't wise because this time could be used one more subjects such as reading or phys. ed. You may argue that home ec. and shop are important but they don't teach much that can realistically be used in later life.

Patrick Doyle

Note: If any of the reading public wish to reply to any comments here, bring your letter to room 103. If you have any feelings you wish to air, feel free to write us.

HOW DID YOU FEEL?

Sixth graders and new students, how did you feel on the first day of school? This is my first year at this school so you can guess how confusing it was. But after awhile, after everyone had got straightened out, it was pretty good.

Kyle Caldwell

WANT ADS

PUPPIES

Dachshund mix- looks like cuddly-teddy bears. Light brown with white on their chests. Two months old. Call 657-4716 Kelly Hickok.

KITTEN

Free to a good home- one grey kitten. Contact Mike Marcelletti.

CHUCKLES

" What is about three inches tall, nine inches long, and four inches wide and contains a solid foot?"

(a shoe)

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Reporter Tracy Rivette interviews Mr.Pefle

Ques.- When is the school election going to take place?

Answer- Sometime during the month of October. The reason for the delay is that the 6th grade should get to know the older kids in the older grades.

Ques.- How will these people be chosen for student council?

Answer- The delegates from each advisee group will probably be chosen by an electi with the advisors. Then there will be an election for the officers after a student council assembly.

Ques.- When will the speeches take place?

Answer- I am not sure but it should take place during the second week of October.

TELL FRAN -c/o room 103

DEAR FRAN,

I like a certain boy or and it seems he doesn't even know I'm alive. What should I do? No name

Dear N.N.,

Keep trying to prove yourself and some day the light will shine and he will know you're there.

DEAR FRAN,

Like many people, I share a locker. But it seems like every day my locker mate and I are always in fights over who gets this and who gets that. How can I settle these fights? J.J.

Dear J.J.,

Let a teacher decide for you on what is what and each must accept the teacher's decision.

FISHY TAIL

Said one Texas fisherman to his high-roddi podner (who , rumor reported was so good and fantastically lucky in piscatorial finesse that his friends drew straws to run the motor and row his boat) ,"Man you hit that bass so hard, you crossed his eyes." Low and behold, so the story goes, after the big bass had flapped his last and Mr. Lucky lifted the trophy to savor his triumph, he looked smack dab into the face of the most cross-eyed bass that ever swam. So when you too see a lucky fisherman matching shares with his catch, know well the reason. He aspires to the newest angler cult, the eye-crossers.

Judy Hysell

MEET THE TEACHERS . . .

Meet the two new teachers, Ms. Chamberlin and Mr. Erickson.

Name: Rebecca Chamberlin
Subjects: Music, social studies and English
College: Western Michigan - degree in music
First interested in music: in elementary school
Favorite food: pizza
Favorite thing to do:" play my guitar"
Favorite sport: basketball and racketball
Hobbies: sewing and needlepoint
Favorite Movie: Sound of Music
Favorite male movie star: Paul Newman
FAvorite female movie star: Liza Minnelli

Name: Dan Erickson
Subject: Reading
How long have you taught? 6 years
Hobbies: sports, woodworking, reading, gardening, building model air planes
Interests: small son at home
Favorite thing: 125 year-old Sabre knife of his father's
Family: wife, son and expecting another in April, father and mother livein Kalamazoo, sister lives in Jackson, and brother at Ann Arbor, in nuclear physics at U. of M.
Favorite animal: man's best friend, a dog

-Bi-Centennial Column - schools

The first school in Paw Paw was taught by Ms. Roxanne Agar in 1835. There were 4 slab seats and 10 scholars. The school was held in Rodney Hinkley's blacksmith shop. The following year school was taught by Melissa Warner in a log shanty on the west side of the river. Will Mason and Joe Royes built a school on Gremps street. Then there was a union school built on the southeast corner of Kalamazoo street. The Middle School was built originally in 1868 and was opened in 1870. It was a high school and had a kindergarten class as well, Attendance was 414. That was our first public school.

Please help this column with any local history you know. Send to room 103.

Shawn Thompson

More Chuckles

"Waht foot do you feel after a long walk?"

(a yard)

(foot fall)

GRAPES Galore

Everybody around knows about the grape-stomping contest. At the Grape and Wine Festival, it's really a sight to see. There's juice flying around like mad, people stomping like mad, and crowds cheering and booing. Shame though that all the wineries do it by machine now. But you can do it at home for your own wine. (you can't sell it though) First of all, get the grapes. Second, get a big tub of some kind. Third, clean the tub. Fourth, get on your boots. (I recommend boots cause it's hard to get grape off your feet.) Fifth, stomp slowly, but firmly. That is all there is to it. Good luck.

M.M.

SPORTS FANS...

SPORTS QUIZ by Judy Nondorf

1. Amelia _____ was Americans "Heroine of the skies?"

2. The first Americans to land on the moon were Neil _____ and Edwin _____.

3. The first American into space was Alan _____.

4. Baseball's new home run hero is Hank _____.

5. Charles _____ made the first solo flight from America to Europe.

6. Billy Jean _____ became America's tennis heroine by defeating Bobby Riggs.

7. Mark _____ became an American sports hero by winning the most olympic medals in history.

Answers:

1. Earhart 2. Armstrong, Aldrin, 3. Shephard 4. Aaron 5. Lindbergh 6. King 7. Spitz

CAN YOU TAKE TWO MORE ---

"What cannot run although it has three feet?"

" What foot tells you that someone is right behind you?"

FOOTBALL SEASON

Sports- Paw Paw Football Schedule for 1975 by Doug and Darrin Nagy

Oct.3	Allegan	Away	7:30
Oct. 10	Gull Lake.....	Home	7:30
Oct.17	Three Rivers.....	Away	7:30
Oct.24	South Haven.....	Home	7:30
Oct. 31	Kalamazoo Hackett.	Away	7:30
Nov. 7	Comstock.....	Away	7:30

See the Varsity play

SEPT. 12 GAME - Varsity

Well, Paw Paw didn't do too hot, but they were close. The Bulldogs of Vicksburg beat the Redskins of Paw Paw in a very exciting football game, although we were behind at the edn, 18-12.

In the first qtr., the Bulldogs ran right through Paw Paw. But on first and goal on the Paw Paw line, Paw Paw held Vicksburg to only 3 pts. End of 1st qtr., Vicksburg 3, Paw Paw 0.

In the second qtr., it was scoreless with the teams going back and forth, til with 1:01 remaining in the first half, the Bulldogs scored on a 23 yd. run. Extra point, good. End of first half, V'burg 10 , P.P. 0.

In the thrid qtr., Paw Paw got on the scoreboard when P.P.'s Dave Gumper went in from 3 yards out. After, Paw Paw controlled most of the third qtr. After Paw Paw scored, V'burg came back with a 3 yard plunge. Two point conversion, right-on. End of third qtr, V'burg 18. P.P. 12.

In the final qtr., after Gipson's fantastic run for 40 yards, it took P.P. 4 plays and a penalty to score, and they did just that on a 2 yard pass from Walters to his favorite receiver. On the two point try, no dice. Final score, V'burg 18, Paw Paw 12.

Scoreboard

V'burg	3	7	8	0	18
Paw Paw	0	0	6	6	12
	1	2	3	4	Final

Ric Massey sings in Paw Paw

Kyle Caldwell interviewed Ric Massey at the Grape Festival. Ric sang Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Middle School. His music type runs to soft rock. He has played in numerous groups and alone for three years. Ric is 21 and will be playing at Levin's Nightclub in New York Sept. 30. Ric lives in New York, New York.

(a footman)

ONE MAN'S VIEW OF WOMEN'S LIB

I have written this to get something straight. Women's liberation is what many males think is stupid. That's why I am writing this. I disagree. I think women's lib. is great because it is women reaching for equality. Now, shouldn't everybody have equal chances? Men aren't the only people on earth, so come on. Give them a chance.

Russ Hoffmann

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The roving reporters asked what do you think of women's lib? Why? If you wish to respond to the question, it will be continued in further comments on women's lib. in the next issue. Bring your replies to room 103 or give them to any staffer.

Denise Albar says" it is ok because women should have the same rights as men."

Kim Barker feels" it is ok because men get to do anything and women can't."

Curt Dillenbeck says" it was right in some ways that women have the same jobs but not all of the jobs men have."

Starr Barden thinks" it's dumb because a woman's job is at home."

Lynn Peters believes" it is ok because women have the same right."

Donna Hunter says "Women should be able to do the same as men."

Stan Benzie says" it's ok because women have the same opportunities as men."

WATCH FOR MORE ON THIS SUBJECT NEXT WEEK.

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ONE LAST CHUCKLE

"What foot is a servant in a castle?"